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A mechanical construction for holding an inner shield and an outer shield apart is disclosed in PCT Application 9616563 in the name of ~~Derk's~~ Derek's Patent B. V. With this structure the outer shield is provided with means for fixing to a helmet or the like. The aim of such a structure is to prevent the visor misting up. With this structure the distance between inner shield and outer shield is guaranteed only in a single location and in principle air containing moisture, water and dirt is able freely to move between inner shield and outer shield. Consequently it is not possible to prevent misting up of the inner shield in an optimum manner under all conditions.

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The aim of the present invention is to avoid the disadvantages associated with the prior art. That is to say, the aim is to provide a chamber between inner shield and outer shield that can be filled with air or a gas and as far as possible is sealed with respect to the environment. Moreover, the width of such a chamber, that is to say the internal spacing between inner shield and outer shield, must be ~~optimised~~ optimized in order as far as possible to prevent misting up. Furthermore, it must be simple to replace the various components independently of one another. The shapes of the shields must also follow one another as far as possible, that is to say the shields must lie against one another in the correct manner.

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According to an advantageous embodiment of the invention, the mechanical fixing means comprise pins fitted on the outer shield which interact with recesses made in the inner shield. Such mechanical fixing means are known in the state of the art for use of a

visor assembly with which the inner shield and outer shield are positioned against one another. Such a construction is described in European Patent Application 95937212.9 in the name of ~~Derk's~~ Derek's Patent B. V.

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As can be seen, a recess or seat 23 has been made in the outer shield 22. The dimensions of this recess or seat correspond to the external dimensions of the inner shield 26. As in the case of the previous embodiment, inner shield 26 is provided close to the periphery thereof with a rim or ring 27 extending all round. This rim or ring is made of a flexible sealing material. Optionally, a second rim 27a of flexible material can be provided on the other side of inner shield 26 so that the inner shield can be reversed in position.

Fixing of inner shield 26 to outer shield 22 takes place with the aid of a simple snap-fit construction. Snap-in lips 24 and 25 are arranged at, respectively, the top and bottom in the outer shield 22. By this means the inner shield 26 can be pushed against the outer shield 22 under some pretension. Spacer 27 provides a seal between inner shield and outer shield, as a result of which ingress of moisture, and consequently misting up of the outer shield 22, can be prevented.